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Greetings,

Welcome to the **Inventory Management Insider**! Continue reading for more information on the next release of CDC's Inventory Management and Tracking System (IMATS), a presentation at the upcoming Preparedness Summit, and helpful tips for using IMATS.

As always, we want to **hear from you**. Help us learn how to improve our newsletter and provide you with the information you need. Send an email to ctshelp@cdc.gov and tell us what you would like to see in the next issue of **Inventory Management Insider**.

Coming Soon! IMATS Version 1.9

The feedback users provide through ctshelp@cdc.gov is analyzed and considered for inclusion in each release of IMATS. The major focus for IMATS Version 1.9 is implementing a feature to allow IMATS users to account for dispensed countermeasures. Users noted it was important to them to be accountable for the changes in their inventory totals and to see those changes in the system as quickly as possible.

The Countermeasure Tracking Systems (CTS) team welcomes your suggestions on ways to enhance IMATS for system users.

SNS Inventory Management Technical Development Team

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Preparedness Summit 2017

The CTS team will host a learning session at the [2017 Preparedness Summit](#) on April 27, 2017, at 3:30 p.m. During this 90-minute session, participants will see a demonstration on how IMATS supports inventory management activities during a public health emergency. In addition, the team will also demonstrate how another CTS application called Countermeasure and Response Administration (CRA) can be used to track countermeasure administration and dispensing data using mobile devices. Please plan to attend this session to see the following topics presented:

IMATS

- Enhanced dashboard
- Receive managed inventory
- Pick and ship inventory
- Account for dispensed countermeasures
- Generate reports

CRA

- Patient self-registration group or head of household registration
- Collect patient countermeasure dispensing information

Evaluate IMATS

If your state, region, and/or locality is interested in conducting an evaluation of IMATS for potential adoption, please contact the [CTS team](#). The evaluation will provide you with an opportunity to review all of the inventory management features available in IMATS. For more details on how to get started using IMATS, please email ctshelp@cdc.gov.

Did You Know?

When you receive items into your inventory, you can change the unit of measure (UOM) in which the items were shipped to one that is more appropriate for inventory tracking at your facility's level. For example:

- Your point of dispensing receives 10 cases of doxycycline, each containing 100 unit-of-use bottles. This product is dispensed as one bottle to each patient.
- Rather than attempting to track your inventory at the case level, you can change the UOM from cases to bottles during the receipt process:
 - On the **add receipt details**, **new receipt**, or **receipt (request)** page, locate the **quantity** and **unit of measure** of the product.
 - Using the **unit of measure** dropdown, select your preferred UOM from the options or create a new one by clicking the **assign unit of measure for product** link. This will take you to a different page but will save your place in the receipt details while you create a new UOM.
 - After selecting your preferred UOM, calculate the new quantity of the product and enter it in the **quantity** field and click **add** or **save** to save your changes.
 - In this example, the 10 cases of 100 bottles will be converted to 1000 bottles, or 1000 with the UOM "each", for ease of subtracting inventory to account for dispensed items.
- When updating your inventory to reflect items that have been dispensed, update the item quantity per "each".

Do you have products in inventory for which you want to change the UOM? No problem!

- Search for the item in your inventory. Click on the product name in the search results to be directed to the Edit Inventory Item page.
 - On the **edit inventory item** page, locate the **quantity** and **unit of measure** of the product.
 - Using the **unit of measure** dropdown, select your preferred UOM from the options or create a new one by clicking the **assign unit of measure for product** link. This will take you to a different page but will save your place in the receipt details while you create a new UOM.
 - After selecting your preferred UOM, calculate the new quantity of the product and enter it in the **quantity** field and click **add** or **save** to save your changes.

Inventory Management Resources

- [SNS Website](#)
- [IMATS Web Page](#)

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